

## **COVID-19 Child Care Supplemental Allocations Discussion Paper**

### **1 Background**

2 On March 27, 2020 the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) was  
3 enacted. The CARES Act includes an additional \$3.5 billion in federal Child Care and  
4 Development Block Grant Funds. These funds may be used to:

- 5 1. provide continued payments to child care providers in the case of decreased enrollments  
6 or closures related to COVID, and to assure they are able to remain open or reopen; and  
7 encouraging states to place conditions on payments to providers to use a portion of funds  
8 to pay staff salaries;  
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- 10 2. provide child care to essential workers (health care sector employees, emergency  
11 responders, sanitation workers, and other workers deemed essential), without regard to  
12 income eligibility requirements; and  
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- 14 3. provide funds to all child care providers for the purpose of cleaning and sanitation, and  
15 other activities necessary to maintain or resume operations.  
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### **17 Issue – Supplemental Distribution of Funds for Essential Worker Child Care**

18 Pending final federal notification on the availability of CARES Act funding, staff have  
19 developed a supplemental distribution of \$200 million based on three factors weighted equally:

- 20 • COVID related UI claims
- 21 • COVID related cases by as reported by the Department of State Health Services
- 22 • Number of children under age 13

23 Its anticipated these funds would give local workforce areas the ability to serve approximately  
24 seventy-two thousand kids per day for 3 months.

### **25 Decision Point**

26 Staff seeks direction on a Board Contract Year 2020 Supplemental Distribution of funds to  
27 support child care costs for COVID essential workers (see Attachment A).

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**Texas Workforce Commission  
FY 2020 COVID-19 Supplemental Child Care Distribution**

LWDA #	LWDA Name	COVID-19 UI Claims for March 2020 <sup>1</sup>	COVID-19 Ratio <sup>1,2</sup>	Children Under 13 Ratio <sup>1,3</sup>	Total Distribution <sup>4,5,6,7</sup>
1	Panhandle	0.6%	1.7%	1.6%	\$ 2,614,908
2	South Plains	1.0%	2.4%	1.5%	\$ 3,230,130
3	North Texas	0.4%	0.5%	0.7%	\$ 1,069,938
4	North Central	10.5%	9.2%	8.7%	\$ 18,940,123
5	Tarrant County	9.2%	5.7%	7.2%	\$ 14,746,040
6	Dallas	11.1%	12.9%	9.9%	\$ 22,673,203
7	North East	0.5%	0.5%	1.0%	\$ 1,290,657
8	East Texas	1.7%	1.8%	2.7%	\$ 4,122,072
9	West Central	0.5%	0.6%	1.0%	\$ 1,443,192
10	Upper Rio Grande	3.0%	1.9%	3.4%	\$ 5,559,835
11	Permian Basin	0.9%	0.8%	1.9%	\$ 2,417,320
12	Concho Valley	0.3%	0.3%	0.5%	\$ 717,122
13	Heart of Texas	0.9%	0.7%	1.2%	\$ 1,930,177
14	Capital Area	7.5%	5.8%	3.7%	\$ 11,356,159
15	Rural Capital	3.8%	2.1%	3.1%	\$ 5,991,776
16	Brazos Valley	0.7%	1.5%	1.0%	\$ 2,163,034
17	Deep East Texas	0.6%	0.9%	1.2%	\$ 1,796,122
18	Southeast Texas	1.4%	1.5%	1.3%	\$ 2,801,004
19	Golden Crescent	0.4%	1.0%	0.7%	\$ 1,371,479
20	Alamo	10.6%	6.5%	8.6%	\$ 17,156,041
21	South Texas	0.5%	1.5%	1.6%	\$ 2,447,765
22	Coastal Bend	2.0%	0.8%	2.0%	\$ 3,219,371
23	Lower Rio Grande	2.6%	1.5%	5.1%	\$ 6,061,644
24	Cameron County	1.1%	1.2%	2.3%	\$ 3,027,832
25	Texoma	0.4%	0.2%	0.6%	\$ 825,409
26	Central Texas	1.2%	1.0%	1.8%	\$ 2,676,134
27	Middle Rio Grande	0.2%	0.2%	0.7%	\$ 765,128
28	Gulf Coast	26.3%	35.1%	25.0%	\$ 57,586,383
<b>LWDA Totals</b>		<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$ 200,000,000</b>
<b>Total Count</b>		<b>398,334</b>	<b>10,230</b>	<b>5,289,411</b>	

- 1: Assumes 33.33% weight of total distribution.
- 2: COVID Cases by County released by DSHS as of April 9, 2020.
- 3: Children under 13 factor used in 2020 Child Care Allocation.
- 4: Based on federal COVID-19 Child Care funds availability expected by April 17th, 2020.
- 5: Assumes 72,283 kids served per day for 3 months.
- 6: Consistent with TWC Rule 800.51 (f)(5), to respond to unforeseen demographic or economic changes.
- 7: Adopted by the Texas Workforce Commission MMM,DD,YYYY.